Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The residents of a small hamlet in Hamlin County, known as Hayti, have discovered that a small shrub bearing edible black berries called farkleberries exists chimerically within the community; and,

WHEREAS, Lake Marsh has attained notorious recognition as being conducive to the cultivation of the plants, as evidenced by a test plot, located on its north shore, where experimentation is being conducted on a hybrid to improve the genetic characteristics of the South Dakota variety; and,

WHEREAS, There are a vast number of undiscovered commercial uses for farkleberries such as farkobol. With proper merchandising, the possibilities are limited only by the mind to what the economic benefits could be; and,

WHEREAS, July has been declared National Farkleberry Month by Farkleberry & Farkles, Inc., of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and has sanctioned the Farkleberry Festival; and,

WHEREAS, Hayti has received nationwide publicity by staking its irrevocable claim as being the Farkleberry Capitol of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the weekend of July 10-12, 1987, as

FARKLEBERRY FESTIVAL

in South Dakota in recognition of the first annual celebration of this event, and I wish the citizens of Hayti a successful festival.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF STATE